Pradesh during 1995-96 or during the Eight Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Six Small Hydro Plants (SHP), namely; Satpura (2×500 KW,) chargaon (1×800 KW), Chambal (3×600 KW), Bhimgarh (2×500 KW), Korba & Tilwara (1×250 KW) are under execution in the State of Madhya Pradesh (MP). While chargaon and Tilwara have been commissioned, other 4 projects are expected to get commissioned during 1995-96.

31 biomass gasifier systems for electrical applications have been sanctioned to the State of Madhya Pradesh.

IN addition, proposals have been received from five private sector developers for setting up rice husk based power projects of 5 MW each in chattishgarh region of Madhya Pradesh under the scheme of biomass combustion based power projects.

Community Methane Plants

4819. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will extend financial assistance to Corporations and Municipalities to run large community Methoane gas plants;

(b) whether there is any scheme to encourage urban authorities to plant and run community Methane Plants; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir, financial assistance is already available to Municipal Corporations and Local Bodies for installation of night soil based community Methane gas plants linked with setting up of sanitary complexes by these a gencies. In addition, financial assistance is also extended for installation of Methane gas plants in Institutions including Urban Local Bodies.

(b) and (c) An incentive scheme, including financial assistance to Urban Authorities, Corporations and Municiplities etc to encourage setting up of Methane (Energy) recovery plants from Urban and Muncipal Wastes is under formulation.

Under the National River Action Plan (NRAP), an option of adding a biogas recovery unit to the sewage treatment plants is also avilable.

Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal

4820. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal where the number of pending cases is more than other benches;

(b) the steps taken to transfer the members of the CAT from the benches having less number of cases to the benches having excessive cases to improve the rate of disposal of the cases;

(c) whether there is any proposal to establish such benches in areas unrepresented so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to include other categories of employees also within the purview of the CAT to reduce the arears in other courts; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. (*see* below)